

transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Technical Updating Amendments to Executive Branch Financial Disclosure and Standards of Ethical Conduct Regulations" ((RIN3209-AA00) and (RIN3209-AA04)) received on May 17, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2285. A communication from the Acting Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Absence and Leave" (RIN3206-AK80) received on May 17, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2286. A communication from the Acting Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Employment of Relatives" (RIN3206-AK03) received on May 17, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2287. A communication from the Acting Director, Strategic Human Resources Policy Division, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Final Regulations on Computation of Pay for Biweekly Pay Periods" (RIN3206-AK62) received on May 17, 2005; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-2288. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a Certification to Congress Regarding the Incidental Capture of Sea Turtles in Commercial Shrimping Operations; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2289. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bureau of Labor Statistics Price Indexes for Department Stores—March 2005" (Rev. Rul. 2005-34) received on May 18, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-2290. A communication from the Acting Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Time for Performing Certain Acts Postponed by Reason of Service in a Combat Zone or a Presidentially Declared Disaster" (Rev. Proc. 2005-27) received on May 18, 2005; to the Committee on Finance.

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY PROTECTING THE DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR IRAQ AND CERTAIN OTHER PROPERTY IN WHICH IRAQ HAS AN INTEREST, AND THE CENTRAL BANK OF IRAQ, AND TO MAINTAIN IN FORCE THE SANCTIONS TO RESPOND TO THIS THREAT—PM 11

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the

President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication. This notice states that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13303 of May 22, 2003, as expanded in scope by Executive Order 13315 of August 28, 2003, modified in Executive Order 13350 of July 29, 2004, and further modified in Executive Order 13364 of November 29, 2004, is to continue in effect beyond May 22, 2005. The most recent notice continuing this emergency was published in the *Federal Register* on May 21, 2004 (69 FR 29409).

The threats of attachment or other judicial process against (i) the Development Fund for Iraq, (ii) Iraqi petroleum and petroleum products, and interests therein, and proceeds, obligations, or any financial instruments of any nature whatsoever arising from or related to the sale or marketing thereof, or (iii) any accounts, assets, investments, or any other property of any kind owned by, belonging to, or held by, on behalf of, or otherwise for the Central Bank of Iraq create obstacles to the orderly reconstruction of Iraq, the restoration and maintenance of peace and security in the country, and the development of political, administrative, and economic institutions in Iraq. Accordingly, these obstacles continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency protecting the Development Fund for Iraq, certain other property in which Iraq has an interest, and the Central Bank of Iraq, and to maintain in force the sanctions to respond to this threat.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 19, 2005.

2005 COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON U.S. TRADE AND INVESTMENT POLICY FOR SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AFRICAN GROWTH AND OPPORTUNITY ACT—PM 12

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

To the Congress of the United States:

Consistent with title I of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, I am providing a report prepared by my Administration, the "2005 Comprehensive Report on U.S. Trade and Investment Policy Toward Sub-Saharan Africa and Implementation of the African Growth and Opportunity Act."

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 19, 2005.

EXECUTIVE REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The following executive report of committee was submitted on Wednesday, May 18, 2005:

By Mr. ENZI for the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

*Raymond Simon, of Arkansas, to be Deputy Secretary of Education.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself and Mr. TALENT):

S. 1076. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend the excise tax and income tax credits for the production of biodiesel; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 1077. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a renewable liquid fuels tax credit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 1078. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand and extend the renewable resource credit and nonconventional source credit for landfill gas facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. LINCOLN:

S. 1079. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand and extend the renewable resource credit for trash combustion facilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. JEFFORDS (for himself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mrs. BOXER, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1080. A bill to amend the Safe Drinking Water Act to require the use of nontoxic products in the case of hydraulic fracturing that occurs during oil or natural gas production activities; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. KYL (for himself, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. CORZINE, and Mr. TALENT):

S. 1081. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a minimum update for physicians' services for 2006 and 2007; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BOND, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BURR, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HATCH, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. KYL, Mr. LOTT, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TALENT, Mr. THUNE, Mr. VITTER, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. DEMINT, and Mr. THOMAS):

S. 1082. A bill to restore Second Amendment rights in the District of Columbia; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN:

S. 1083. A bill to provide coverage under the Railway Labor Act to employees of certain air and surface transportation entities; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

S. 1084. A bill to eliminate child poverty, and for other purposes; read the first time.